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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, CODIB

SUBJECT : CODIB Working Group on Hard-to-Get Publications

1. The action of Task Team III which established the CODIB Working Group on Hard-to-Get Publications did not specify whether "Hard-to-Get" was to include classified publications or not. My understanding was that this group would concern itself only with publications which are unclassified when issued (although some might be classified because of the procurement method used). Other members of the group believe that classified publications are within our scope of responsibility. ACSI in particular is asking for the collection of very highly classified publications of the type obtained by the [REDACTED] and for the preparation of a special collection guide for classified and controlled distribution publications.

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2. My personal opinion is that this working group should restrict its activities to unclassified publications. I believe the requirements and requirement priorities for classified publications (or documents) should be handled by the regular collection requirement groups such as CGS, and not by this group.

3. I would appreciate clarification on this matter either from CODIB itself or from Task Team III. In the meantime, we will continue preparation of the want list of USSR publications but will not include any classified publications on that list until a decision is received from CODIB.

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